

Minutes of the Council on Aging Facilities Subcommittee

Meeting held at Hingham Town Hall, August 25, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Attendees: Sara Smithson, Josh Ross, Joe Nevins and Jennifer Young, ex officio

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Joe Nevins agreed to serve as Chair of the subcommittee with the assent of Sara Smithson and Josh Ross. The subcommittee reviewed the status of several facility related goals and priorities.

1. In response to requests from attendees at the Center new grab bars are being added to the rest room facilities. The funds will come from the Department's budget.
2. The bases of certain tables will be lowered to accommodate attendee requests with the exception of one table which will remain at its current height for handicap accessibility.
3. Work continues on the renovation of the former police department offices and entry areas, including sourcing chairs and tables to furnish the spaces.
4. Ongoing initiatives to create a flexible multi-purpose room and a dedicated meeting space were reviewed.
5. The subcommittee reviewed the ongoing work to refresh and expand the outside patio areas.
6. The subcommittee reviewed work with the Town Administration to increase dedicated parking spaces at the Center
7. The subcommittee discussed the creation of new signage regarding meeting schedules, events and expected attendee conduct.
8. The subcommittee will bring to the full Council on Aging a suggestion to hold a joint meeting with the Select Board to discuss both short and long term planning regarding new and improved facilities.
9. The subcommittee also reviewed the need for additional funds to adequately refurbish the new and existing spaces and ways to solicit that funding. This topic will be reviewed at the upcoming CoA meeting along with the annual appeal letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00.